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SUBJECT: EC POLITICAL CONSULTATIONS: DISCUSSION
OF US- EC RELATIONS

REFS: A. BONN 4582

B. BONN 4113

C. BRUSSELS 1516

D. BRUSSELS 1459

SUMMARY: MFA POL DIRECTOR' S SPECIAL ASST. FOR EC POL
CONSULTATIONS (VAN EEKELEN) TOLD US THAT MARCH 30 MEETING OF
EC POL DIRECTORS WILL BE PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS PREPARATION OF
SECOND REPORT OF LUXEMBOURG BUT WILL LIKELY
ALSO DISCUSS US- EUROPEAN RELATIONS (IN PARTICULAR
THORN' S IDEA THAT PRESIDENT OF EC COUNCIL VISIT US SOON), MBFR,
AND PROBABLY ALSO FRENCH PROPOSAL TO SPEED UP WORK AT
MPT. END SUMMARY.

1. VAN EEKELEN SAID THAT IN ADDITION TO BRIEFING HIS
COLLEAGUES ON VISIT TO US, LUX FONMIN THORN EXPRESSED CONCERN
DURING MARCH 16 MINISTERIAL ABOUT LACK OF US- EC DIALOGUE AND THREW
OUT PERSONAL THOUGHT THAT IT MIGHT BE GOOD IDEA IF PRESIDENT OF EC
COUNCIL OF MINISTERS WERE TO MAKE TRIP TO US SOON TO
GET BALL ROLLING ON DIALOGUE. WHILE THERE WAS NO
CONSENSUS IN RESPONSE TO THIS SPECIFIC PROPOSAL,
MINISTERS AGREED THAT SUBJECT OF US- EC DIALOGUE WAS
WORTH EXAMINING FURTHER AND ASKED POL DIRECTORS TO
PREPARE PAPER ON SUBJECT FOR DISCUSSION AT JUNE 5
MINISTERIAL.
SCHEEL HAD PROPOSED THAT SUBJECT BE PREPARED IN SAME
WAY AS EXTERNAL RELATIONS ASPECT OF EC SUMMIT HAD BEEN,
I. E., JOINTLY BY POL DIRECTORS AND EC PERMREPS. THIS
APPROACH WAS REJECTED, HOWEVER, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF
FRENCH OPPOSITION.

2. ALTHOUGH POL DIRECTORS WILL BE MEETING IN
BRUSSELS MARCH 30 PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS PREPARATION OF
SECOND REPORT OF LUXEMBOURG, VAN EEKELEN SAID HE
EXPECTED US- EC RELATIONS TO BE SUBJECT OF EXTENSIVE
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DISCUSSION DURING LUNCHEON SESSION. FRENCH HAVE ALSO

PROPOSED THAT MPT BE ADDED TO AGENDA OF MARCH 30 MEETING. THEY FEEL EC NINE SHOULD DISCUSS WAYS OF SPEEDING UP WORK OF MPT AND PUTTING END TO " PETITES GUERRES" NOW TAKING PLACE. DUTCH HAVE NOT YET GIVEN RESPONSE TO FRENCH PROPOSAL (WHICH, OF COURSE, RUNS COUNTER TO DUTCH EFFORT TO STRETCH OUT MPT).

3. VAN EEKELEN CONFIRMED REF A REPORT THAT ITALIANS HAVE REQUESTED DISCUSSION OF MBFR. DUTCH ARE WILLING TO HEAR WHAT ITALIANS HAVE TO SAY BUT DO NOT WANT FORMAL AGENDA EXPANDED TO INCLUDE THIS ITEM. THEY WILL PUSH FOR LIMITING DISCUSSION TO LUNCHEON OR DINNER SESSIONS. DUTCH WILL PROBABLY TAKE SAME POSITION ON FRENCH PROPOSAL.

4. COMMENT: WHILE HE COULD NOT SPEAK FOR SCHMELZER, VAN EEKELEN SAID HE THOUGHT THORN' S IDEA OF VISIT TO US BY EC COUNCIL PRESIDENT WOULD BE GOOD IDEA. HE PROMISED DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH EMBOFF AFTER CONCLUSION OF MARCH 30 MEETING. END COMMENT.
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